

INDO CHINA

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In their deepest penetration into ~~Camb~~ Cambodia so far, allied naval forces docked at the capital city of Phnom Penh, today, completing a sixty mile trip up the Mekong Delta. Most of Phnom Penh's six hundred thousand residents gathered on the river banks to watch in silence as the flotilla arrived in a heavy rain - which heralds an early ~~season~~^{season,} of monsoons. Official statements say four Americans were killed during the voyage up the Mekong ^{with} the South Vietnamese flotilla - seeking to break Communist domination of the waterway. One hundred and seventy nine enemy troops reported killed in the operation.

Laotian Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma - speaking today in Vietianne says Communist troops have launched a new offensive in southern Laos - trying to capture the entire rice bowl region to offset their

military setback in neighboring Cambodia. **No** chances for peace in Indo China, says Souvanna Phouma, "are darker than ever."

In Washington the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved an amendment to a military bill - one that would hold President Nixon to his promise to withdraw American troops from Cambodia by June thirteenth. The committee vote, nine to one - now sends the measure to the Senate floor for a showdown vote - probably later this week.

President Nixon ~~mean~~^{while} met with forty-three of the nation's state governors at the White House. He sought their full support for his southeast Asia policy - and their help in becalming the stormy dissent that ^{his} policy has aroused. Also, in Washington, hundreds of college students continued their protest against the war - staging demonstrations at the State Department and lobbying on Capitol Hill.

For the second time in recent months, Vice President Spiro Agnew delivered a stinging verbal attack on the three television networks - ^{this} ~~the~~ time for presenting what he calls "manufactured news". TV news is manufactured, " said he, "in order to bring action and the revolutionary theater into millions of living rooms across the nation."

Writing in the latest issue of TV Guide, Agnew claims there is competition among network news men who seek to pack action into their news broadcasts. And, he added - "it's my contention that one reason we have so many demonstrations is because young people are fascinated with demonstrations as a means of communication. ^{Said he,} They're conditioned to action and emotion - NOT words. They enjoy confrontation because they were brought up on television, instead of books."

PRICES

Shopping could be made easier if this trend continues. ~~Wholesale~~ Wholesale prices held steady in ~~an~~ April for the first time in a year and a half. There was even a drop of more than two percent in the prices paid farmers - mostly for poultry products ~~and~~ fruits and vegetables. Good news for the housewife - but what kind of news for the farmer?

BLACK MUN

The Senate is expected to confirm Judge Harry Blackmun for the Supreme Court tomorrow - bringing to an end President Nixon's efforts to find a replacement for Justice Abe Fortas who resigned under fire a year ago. As you know, two of the President's nominations - Judges Clement Haynsworth and Harold Carswell - failed to get the Senate's approval. Senate leaders of both parties say there is no known opposition to Judge Blackmun -- ~~a~~ ^{the} ~~Miss~~ Minnesotan ^{now} on the ~~ninth~~ eighth U S Circuit Court of Appeals.

NELSON

On September twenty-eighth, Nineteen Twenty-
Four the army round the world fliers landed their plane

at Seattle - completing history's first aerial circum-
navigation of the globe. ^{Of which he was 2nd in command} ^{and also chief engineer,} One of the planes the

^{His co-pilot} ^{similing} ^{Jack Harding} ^{who died}
New Orleans. - ^{a year or more ago. It was} ~~was~~ piloted by ^{then} Lieutenant Erik Nelson -

who years before had left his native Sweden to see the
world when he was only sixteen and ~~had~~ wound up in our

~~our~~ ^{Signal Corps, later the} ^{over the weekend} ~~army air~~ ~~corps.~~ ~~Today,~~ ^{Brigadier} General Erik

Nelson ~~is dead.~~ ^{away} He passed ~~on Saturday~~ in Honolulu

~~of cancer~~ ^{For many yrs. he had made his home} at the age of eighty one. ^{at Kona on the main island of Hawaii.} For the world

flight, Congress awarded him the distinguished service

medal and among his many other decorations were

France's Legion of Honor, ~~and~~ Sweden's Royal Order of

the Sword ^{and many others.}

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SOCIOLOGY

A Harvard professor of Sociology - Dr.

Daniel Bell - says the main problem facing American society in the Nineteen Seventies will be - what he calls - an "overload of the political system" because of the growing number of social problems. He told a Business Week conference in New York that, so far, "our political system has not been effective in dealing with these problems." Said ~~xxxx~~ he - "the real ^{(problem} ~~population~~ is not population growth, but population distribution - with most people moving to the seaboard and lake regions, and metropolitan centers. What's needed," he says, "is a national policy to encourage population redistribution through the location of ~~new~~ new educational and ~~xx~~ health centers, and ~~work~~ with tax incentives if necessary."

SAFETY BAG

Officials of the auto industry say they^are
against ~~the~~ rushing into production of a new kind of safety
air bag - designed to protect auto passengers from
injury in a ~~crash~~ crash. Warnings on the safety of
the safety bag itself were issued at an automotive
conference ~~at~~ in Milford, Michigan. ^{The} Transportation
Secretary says the bags will be required for all new
cars beginning in Nineteen Seventy Three. A highly
sensitive device would cause the safety bag located
in the front seat, to automatically ~~to~~ inflate just
before a collision - checking the forward motion of
the passenger and preventing him from crashing into
the instrument panel or ~~the~~ windshield. Still undecided
-- among other things -- is the possible effect on the
drivers control of the car after the bag ~~to~~ inflates!^{s!}

FASHION

In New York's garment district, some call it -
creeping modesty. Some even call it - new directions.
The mini dress is disappearing from fashion designs
for the coming fall and winter - ~~ix~~ even the bare arm
is missing as a sedate long sleeve comes back. Still,
all is not lost. The dipping neckline is still with us -
~~a neck x x x x~~ and very provocative was one neckline on a
black velvet gown. It ran all the way down to the
waistline, causing one designer to say - "here again
we'll turn chicken, we'll raise it," John.

KITES

The House of Representatives passed another bill today - but this ~~was~~ one is different. It would legalize the flying of kites in Washington where ~~it's~~ it's been against the law to do such a thing since the year Eighteen Seventy One. Probably, the original law was intended to safeguard ^{the} telegraph wires spreading across Washington and other cities in those days. Who would welcome the repeal of the kite flying law? Benjamin Franklin for one.